

September 2015

Director's Corner...

Can you believe it's September already! Where has the summer gone? Even though it has been a humid, hot summer, it's really too short.

All classes will resume the week of September 7, so be sure to check our calendar of events. Highlights for the month are: URI School of Pharmacy Outreach will be here on Thursday, September 10 at 10:30. Project Council will meet here on Tuesday, September 15 at 9:30. The Medicare Minute will cover Open Enrollment on Friday, September 18 at 11:15. Beginning on Tuesday, September 22 the Diabetes Prevention Program will begin. We need at least 8 people for the RI Dept. of Health to present this program. If you're interested in attending, please do not wait until the last minute to register because we may have to cancel it sooner than you think. I am going to put a cut-off date of September 11 to be safe.

On Saturday, October 3, the Lion's Club Annual Cook-out will be held at the Senior Center. Lunch will be served promptly at 11:30. Registration is necessary and the last day to register will be Wednesday, September 30.

Now I would like to inform everyone that Open Enrollment for Medicare Part D and Medicare Advantage Plans begins on October 15 and ends on December 7. This is the only time of year you are allowed to make changes to these plans. Even if you are satisfied with your Prescription Drug Plan you should review it. Plans come and go every year. Premiums change. Drug prices change. Formularies change. The list of drugs you have been taking may change. The plan you have now might not be the best plan for you to have next year. Reviewing the plan you have every year is the best practice to follow.

If you are in a Medicare Advantage plan, it might not be the right plan for you now depending on health issues or life changes. Now is the time to review what you have and explore other options.

We will continue with our Tuesday appointments throughout the Open Enrollment period and we will also add three Open Enrollment DAYS. The dates are: Friday, October 23, Friday, November 6, and Friday, December 4. Appointments are necessary for Tuesday appointments and also for the three Friday Open Enrollment days. Please call 625-6790 to schedule your appointment or stop by the office.

Happy Labor Day

Janice